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Please send a brief letter to the Federal Communications Commission explaining the impact that high prison phone rates have had on you and your family. Address the letter "Dear Chairman Genachowski," and please speak from your own personal experience. You must state the following at the beginning of your letter: "This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket 96-128)." Your letter will be made part of the public docket in this case.

Write to:

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Our goal is to gather thousands of powerful stories. The facility that registers the highest number of letters will be highlighted on the campaign website and will get a co-producer credit on a national radio program addressing the high cost of prison phone calls.

We also need your help organizing on the outside. Ask your friends and family members to sign up for the campaign at www.phonejustice.org, and invite them to share their story about the high costs of prison phone calls. They can also register their comments online, directly with the FCC, by uploading a Word document or .pdf file at the following website (enter "96-128" as the Proceeding Number on the on-line form):

<http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/upload/display.action?z=whn8>

Only with your support will we end the abusively high costs of prison phone calls. Please encourage others to join us in this struggle!

For more information: www.prisonphonejustice.org and www.phonejustice.org

- We marked our 22nd year of publishing.
- We vindicated our rights as a publisher and those of our readers to receive PLN and the books we distribute by successfully suing jails in Sacramento, California; East Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Moncks Corner, South Carolina, among others.
- Our attorneys are representing victims of egregious prison abuses, ranging from inadequate medical care to wrongful death cases.
- Our advocacy on behalf of prisoners and their families has resulted in PLN staff speaking at conferences and events around the country, and being interviewed by assorted media outlets, including radio and TV, and quoted in newspapers.

We are proud of these accomplishments and you should be too, because without your support over the years, whether subscribing to PLN, buying books from us or making donations, we would not be able to achieve the many things we do. We operate leanly and efficiently so that any donation you make, whether big or small, will have maximum effect and impact. Therefore, please donate now to support our work to end the exploitation and gouging of those who make and receive phone calls from prisons and jails. To show our appreciation you can select from several gift options. Have too much stuff to read already? Make a donation of \$100 or more and we can send a copy of *The Habeas Citebook* and/or *Prisoners' Guerrilla Handbook to Correspondence Courses in the US and Canada* on your behalf to the prison library or law library of your choice!



In Struggle,

Paul Wright
Editor, PLN
Executive Director, HRDC

P.S. - You can also order the much-awaited *Prisoners' Self-Help Litigation Manual*, 4th edition, from PLN for \$45.95, or *The Habeas Citebook: Ineffective Assistance of Counsel* for \$49.95 postpaid.

P.P.S. - Even if you can't afford to make a donation, subscribe or buy a book yourself, please encourage others to do so. Every purchase and donation is a huge help!

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Rodney Derrickson FCC Mail Room
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November 27, 2012

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

My name is Rodney Derrickson. I am a prisoner at the State Correctional Institution at Forest, which is located in Marienville, Pennsylvania.

I write to speak on the abusive prison phone rates that exploit prisoners and our families, and destroy the family ties.

Prison phone companies like Global Tel Link has been guilty of price gouging and monopolizing the phone market for years, and it's about time that someone put a stop to their criminal activity. Their actions is considered organized crime which violates the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act (RICO).

I pray that your committee will put a stop to the predatory practices of phone companies like Global Tel Link.

Thank you for your time and attention to this issue of public importance.

"This is a public comment for CC Docket #96-128 (the Wright Petition)."

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney Derrickson

cc:File

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Dear Chairman Genachowski, November 26, 2012

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128). My name is David Phillips, inmate number JV9869 and I'm currently serving a State Prison sentence at S.C.I. Dallas in Pennsylvania. I just wanted to send a brief letter about the high costs of the prison phone calls. It costs me \$5.15 for a 15 minute phone call, which comes to about 35¢ per minute, but in New York the calls average about 5¢ per minute and in Florida the calls average about 13¢ per minute. The prices of the phone calls in Pennsylvania are outrageous and it puts a heavy financial burden on me and my family. I have a few different people that I call, but with the costs being so expensive it makes it difficult for me to call and keep up with everything that is going on with my family and friends. Well hopefully this letter will be one of many others that help to shed light on the over pricing of prison phone calls in Pennsylvania. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
David Phillips
David Phillips

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Dear Chairman Genachowski

This is a public comment for the Wright
Petition (CC Docket 96-128)

Like thousands of others, I too am impacted
by the outrageous costs of making phone calls
from prison. However instead of going into
my personal financial set backs, which I
assure you there are, I would rather point
out that gouging and exploitation is wrong
regardless of the financial standing of the
customer. The prison phone network in
this country is clearly another example
of a greed driven society where a service
provider is grossly taking advantage of a
customer with no options. Please do the
right thing and regulate this villainous
monopoly.

Sincerely



Ron Kunz 10663-059

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Nov 28, 2012

Mr. Genachowski

This is a public comment for CC Docket #96-128 (THE WRIGHT PETITION).

I am writing for the concern I have for the price for inmates to keep in touch with their families. I is \$7.40 to talk

to and inmate for 20 minutes, this is such a ridiculous price and a real burden on loved ones and family members. I's a

hardship to pay this proice, so there fore you are unable to talk to them on a regular bases because you can't afford

to pay this outrageous fee. {lease take this matter into consideration for the sake of all those involved. Thank you for your

time concerning this matter.

Beverly Cutchins



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November 29, 2012

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
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445 12th Street, SW
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RE: **Wright Petition (CC Docket 96-128)**

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

My mother is 85 years young this October past; she had a quadruple bypass which did not alleviate her condition and had a pacemaker inserted and still requires several medications for heart rate, high blood pressure and other ailments. Prescription costs are astronomical and overall costs of living keep increasing but her income does not. She is "existing" on a fixed income.

My sister is 65 years of age. She has a hip replacement and her other hip is also in need of replacement; she has blood pressure and kidney condition and has several costly prescriptions to purchase. Again, we have an individual "existing" on retirement monies that are fixed.

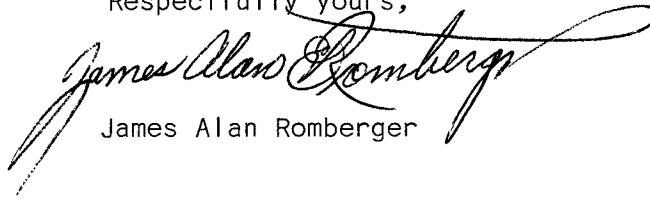
Mother and sister can not visit as they once did because of their medical situations and I telephone them more to maintain our bond. We can talk and hear one another's voice which is a comfort and joy to us. A fifteen (15) minute call is \$5.15 and the "kickback" to corrections is **44.4%**! When transferred to the state of Michigan, there was no kickback and the rate for fifteen (15) minutes was much less.

It is our hope and prayers for the cap or elimination of kickbacks, not just for us but those whom are even less fortunate and can not afford the exorbitant rates charged us and our families.

Please entertain and pass the above-captioned Wright Petition.

Thank you for your greatly divided time in this matter.

Respectfully yours,



James Alan Romberger

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Edwin Aponte
HW 5699
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November 28, 2012

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket # 96-128)

As a prisoner myself inside the Department Of Corrections I know firsthand how hard it is to keep in contact with family members. Phone calls are costing us about \$5.50 for an in-state call almost \$10 for an out-of-state call. At one point of time Pennsylvania was sending inmates to Michigan and it was costing them only about \$2.00 to call Pennsylvania from Michigan and it doesn't make sense if we are in Pennsylvania and it is costing us more. In the institution I am currently at you have inmates families changing thier phone numbers to try and match the area code in this region and now prison officials are not allowing us to add those numbers to our list. We have lifers in this institution that are not allowed the same employment opportunities as other inmates so they do not make as much and we still have to buy cosmetics, have to buy sneakers because you are not allowed to take part in activities on the gym floor in state issued boots, also some inmates have cable bills they have to pay. So after all that to keep in contact with our families inmates have to buy a phone card and you only get one good call out of a \$10 phone card and collect calls cost even more money than the \$5.50 I said earlier in this letter. Plus with this new phone system it's even harder to call home collect because families now have to set a pre-paid account

, with the new phone company so it's like we have to buy phone cards and pay expensive rates to call home OR our families have to buy phone cards and pay an even higher rate so we are in a no win situation over these phone calls and this phone system. I am writing you Chairman Genachowski because I am hoping on behalf of me and other inmates nationwide you could do something about this issue. Thank you for taking your time to read this letter and I am grateful for your cooperation and your consideration.

Sincerely,


Edwin Aponte

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THE PHONE COMPANIES ARE IMMORALLY,
AS WELL AS ILLEGALLY ACTING AGAINST
FAMILIES, THROUGH STATE SANCTIONED
CONTRACTS...

PLEASE

HELP!

Fred D. Douty, MOCC #43219, 1 Mountainside Way, Mt. Olive, WV 25185

November 29, 2012

Mr. Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: Public Comments in re Wright Petition

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

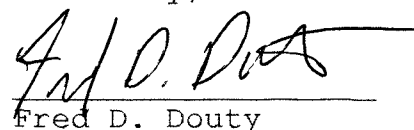
This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128). I am a prisoner confined in the West Virginia Mt. Olive Correctional Complex. Global Tel*Link has a contract to provide telephone services for the prisoners. As best I recall Prison Legal News reported that the West Virginia Division of Corrections awarded Global Tel*Link the contract that gives the State forty-six percent of the profits as a quid pro quo. The outrageous telephone costs (price gouging) prevent me from calling and interacting with my family.

The high cost of intrastate phone calls limit the time I get to talk to my family. My dear mother, who I try to stay in contact with via mail is in poor health. She is too sick to write regularly. Moreover, due to her failing health and low income she is unable to pay for the Global Tel*Link phone calls. She is the only family member that helps me keep in contact with my young children. The ridiculously high cost phone call have prevented me from speaking with my kids for years. It is emotionally hard on my children and family.

I also have two other family members I infrequently call. They have told me they cannot afford to accept my collect-calls more than twice a month. Please help me and others here, who are losing loved ones due to Global Tel's greed. Let me know if there is anything further I can do to resolve this phone issue. I am willing and eager to do what I can.

Global Tel*Link, on October 3, 2012, filed a comment with the FCC that summarized its position on issues related to the prison telephone industry, including justifications for high phone rates. Five days later the Human Rights Defense Center filed a response with the FCC, rebutting the points addressed by Global Tel*Link. Will you be so kind as to provide with, (A) Global Tel's document, and (B) Human Rights Defense Center's response? Thank you.

Sincerely,



Fred D. Douty

cc: file

27, November 2012

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Chairman Julius Benachowski
Federal Communication Commission
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Washington DC 20554

Regarding Public Comment on Docket # CC 96-128

Dear Chairman Benachowski,

I am currently an inmate of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The need to impose the regulation of telephone charges for interstate calls has never been more evident than here in the State of Texas.

Currently charges for telephone calls placed intrastate from the prison system is a ridiculous twenty three cents per minute; however, phone calls made interstate jump to an exorbitant thirty nine cents per minute, an additional sixteen cents.

In this day and age of voice over IP, as well as the digital transmission of phone calls, computer

dialing and monitoring, there is no justification for any differential in cost as evident in "no charge long distance" services offered by cell phone companies as well as more and more "home phone" companies.

To maintain this differential is the equivalent of discrimination toward family members and friends that just happen to live out of state.

This practice of gouging those of us that are of ofow well allow, a captive audience is not only discriminatory, but is just morally wrong and should be illegal.

I also believe that monies received by these telephone companies should be used solely to maintain and operate the system and charges should be based strictly on the cost.

States receiving kickbacks from the usage of these services should be stopped. The housing and care of prisoners is the sole responsibility of the tax payer and should not fall on families wishing to converse with a jailed family member.

In many cases the primary "breadwinner" is the person incarcerated leaving families with very limited income. Many are left with

choise to call or receive a call from a loved one in prison or eat.

I have one son serving in the U.S. Air Force currently stationed in Arkansas, along with his family, who feels it is a slap in the face, that because he serves, and cannot choose where he lives, we are penalized by these phone rates.

I also have a son who suffers from traumatic brain injury who lives to hear his fathers voice as well as a wife needing to hear my love and support just as much as I need to hear hers, all limited by these prohibitive and outlandish costs.

To deny reasonable access to ones family via telephone by charging these outrageous fees is in itself a form of cruel and unusual punishment.

In conclusion I feel the F.C.C. needs to put into place serious regulations concerning interstate call rates made from prisons. I also feel that the Commission needs to send a strong message to states as well as telephone providers that a sudden increase in intrastate rates to compensate for the loss of revenue from the regulation of interstate rates would send a very negative message to the Commission as well as Congress.

Thank you for your time and efforts
in this matter and allowing public input.

Sincerely,
Wendy

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DEBBIE CLINTSCALE / DZ7906
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Dear Mr. Julius,

Enclosed are papers showing my problem with phone system here at SCI-Forest - A problem that occurred only after arriving and happened no other place and I've been incarcerated for 13 yrs. straight prior.

Contact: Delanie Harrison
215) 769-5119 which is the number I've been calling from here. I'm waiting for her to send me a copy of the phone bill for 10.12.12 so I can further file a suit. You calling for verification will hopefully drive her to send my request, because as it stands I'm being put on delay. Her cell # is 267) 994-4032

Also my mother - Ms. Lillie
Clintscale, can verify that she has collect
and it's only here that's stopping me from calling,
because my nephew - Myron Clintscale #FB8235,
calls often and we both are of the D.O.C. He
is just at SCI-Dallas. All can be verified.
215) 229-3375, 215) 226-3407 (Lillie Clint-
SCALE.

Sincerely

Form DC-135A		Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Corrections	
INMATE'S REQUEST TO STAFF MEMBER		INSTRUCTIONS Complete items number 1-8. If you follow instructions in preparing your request, it can be responded to more promptly and intelligently.	
1. To: (Name and Title of Officer) <i>Superintendent Burns</i>	2. Date: <i>10.14.12</i>	RECEIVED	
3. By: (Print Inmate Name and Number) <i>Deablo Clentscale #DZ7906</i> <i>[Signature]</i> Inmate Signature	4. Counselor's Name: <i>Flatt</i>	OCT 16 2012	
	5. Unit Manager's Name: <i>Heberling</i>	SCI Forest Superintendent's Office	
6. Work Assignment: <i>Barber School</i>	7. Housing Assignment: <i>GA 1007</i>		
8. Subject: State your request completely but briefly. Give details.			
<p><i>You told me to explain again my phone situation, when I spoke with you in the barber shop. All mail to the superintendent, prior to you, has been intercepted. If this is to happen I have this coming via us postal as well, so ignored the other one if you are to receive this one. See attached page</i></p> <p><i>The #'s are 215) 229-3375, 215) 226-3407 - Both my mother's, and 215) 769-5119. Recordings will show that I called on 10-2-12, because they kept interrupting the call, at 1:30pm, on phone #4, and this number was turned off later that afternoon. at 215) 769-5119. Being the final resolve to having all my calls non available, though the collect worked throughout my entire sentence thus far, for 14 years.</i></p> <p><i>I really appreciate you seeing, personally, that this matter is looked into.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>C. C. on file</i></p>			
9. Response (This Section for Staff Response Only)			
<p><i>Mr. Clentscale - everything has checked out fine on the phone system. I have included the system info for your needs. Have you people call the number for Global Tel Inc. There might be a "disconnect" between Verizon and Global Tel Inc that we do not know about. (I kept the typed letter in my reference file)</i></p>			
To DC-14 CAR only <input type="checkbox"/>		To DC-14 CAR and DC-15 IRS <input type="checkbox"/>	

 STAFF MEMBER NAME *Burns*
 Print

[Signature]
 Signature

 DATE *10/12/12*

Form DC-135A

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Corrections

INMATE'S REQUEST TO STAFF MEMBER

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete items number 1-8. If you follow instructions in preparing your request, it can be responded to more promptly and intelligently.

1. To: (Name and Title of Officer)

Phone Records Room.

2. Date:

10.26.12

3. By: (Print Inmate Name and Number)

Mr. Deablo Uentscuk #DZ7906

4. Counselor's Name:

Mr. Flatt

5. Unit Manager's Name:

Mr. Heberling

6. Work Assignment:

Barber School

7. Housing Assignment:

GA 1007

8. Subject: State your request completely but briefly. Give details.

Recently the superintendent contacted me on my behalf about my numbers being purposely turned off, for the sake of extortion of my family and denying me contact. You have copies of calls attempted but not that of the dates listed/mentioned on the request slip. I'm asking that a copy of October 12, 2012, 1:30pm phone call be sent - the time sheet of phone calls attempted - to me and the superintendent. This day - the 12th of October, I made a call to 215 769-5114 and got through - Records will attest to my claim.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your oncoming response.

P.S./Note: Highlighted is the requested date of 10.12.12 phone record as others were given to me, but not requested.

C.C. on file

9. Response (This Section for Staff Response Only)

There are no calls to that # on Oct 12.

To DC-14 CAR only ☐To DC-14 CAR and DC-15 IRS ☐

STAFF MEMBER NAME

Print

Signature

DATE

11-31-12

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INMATE'S REQUEST TO STAFF MEMBER		INSTRUCTIONS Complete items number 1-8. If you follow instructions in preparing your request, it can be responded to more promptly and intelligently.			
1. To: (Name and Title of Officer) Superintendent Burns		2. Date: Oct. 4, 2012		RECEIVED	
3. By: (Print Inmate Name and Number) Dwight Winterscale # D27906		4. Counselor's Name: Fiat		OCT 5 2012	
Inmate Signature		5. Unit Manager's Name: SCI Forest Superintendent's Office Halberling			
6. Work Assignment: Barber Student		7. Housing Assignment: C A 1007			
8. Subject: State your request completely but briefly. Give details.					
215) 229-3375, 215) 226-3407 are my mother's numbers. I've been calling collect since 1999. Twelve years plus without no problems. 215) 769-5119 is my friends number. They just cut off this number on Tuesday after I called there at 1:30pm on phone #4. Then they turned back on my grand mother's number 215) 329-8846, a number they cut off.					
Like I explained, I was at Greene, and as you remembered I left there on a promotional. I was involved in a incident at Hazledale and received 2 to 4 yrs. A case in which Deputy Tice testified at the preliminary. The separation here has been ignored and the behind the scene harassment has been continuous. As you'll learn this plea does not follow protocol. I go to camp hill to take the Barber's exam in January. All I ask of you, as of now, is to have my numbers cut back on. They literally has succeeded in cutting off all my contacts. The phone system is the same all over. Please let that all numbers accept collect and let me.					
9. Response (This Section for Staff Response Only)					
Scam to Maria Jett for resolve.					
Pls advise me when corrected.					
There #s are on his list. These family members need to call Michael Tel link at 1-800-483-8314.					
To DC-14 CAR only <input type="checkbox"/>			To DC-14 CAR and DC-15 IRS <input type="checkbox"/>		

STAFF MEMBER NAME

Print

Signature

DATE

10-9-12

KES